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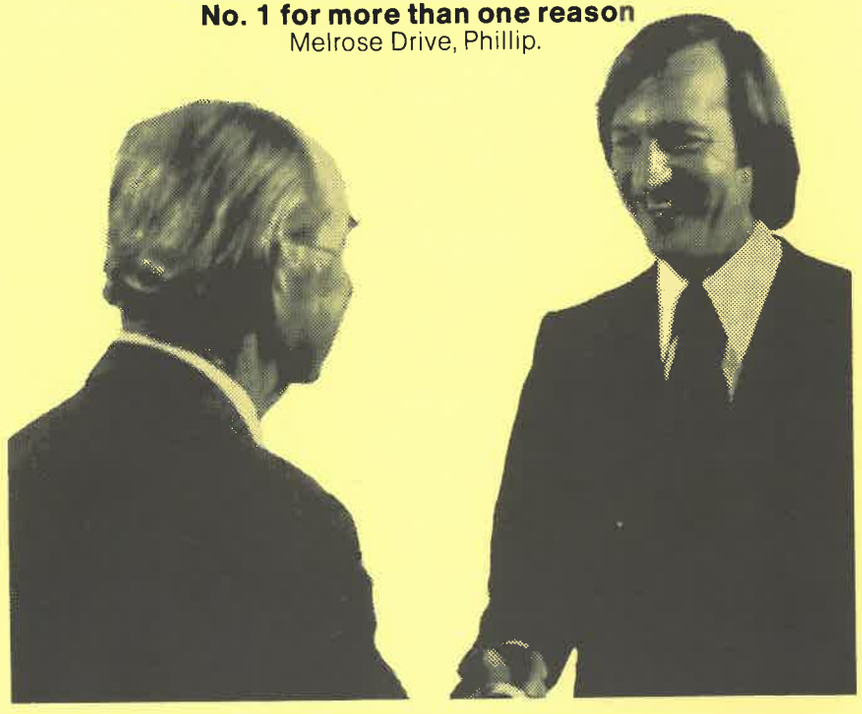

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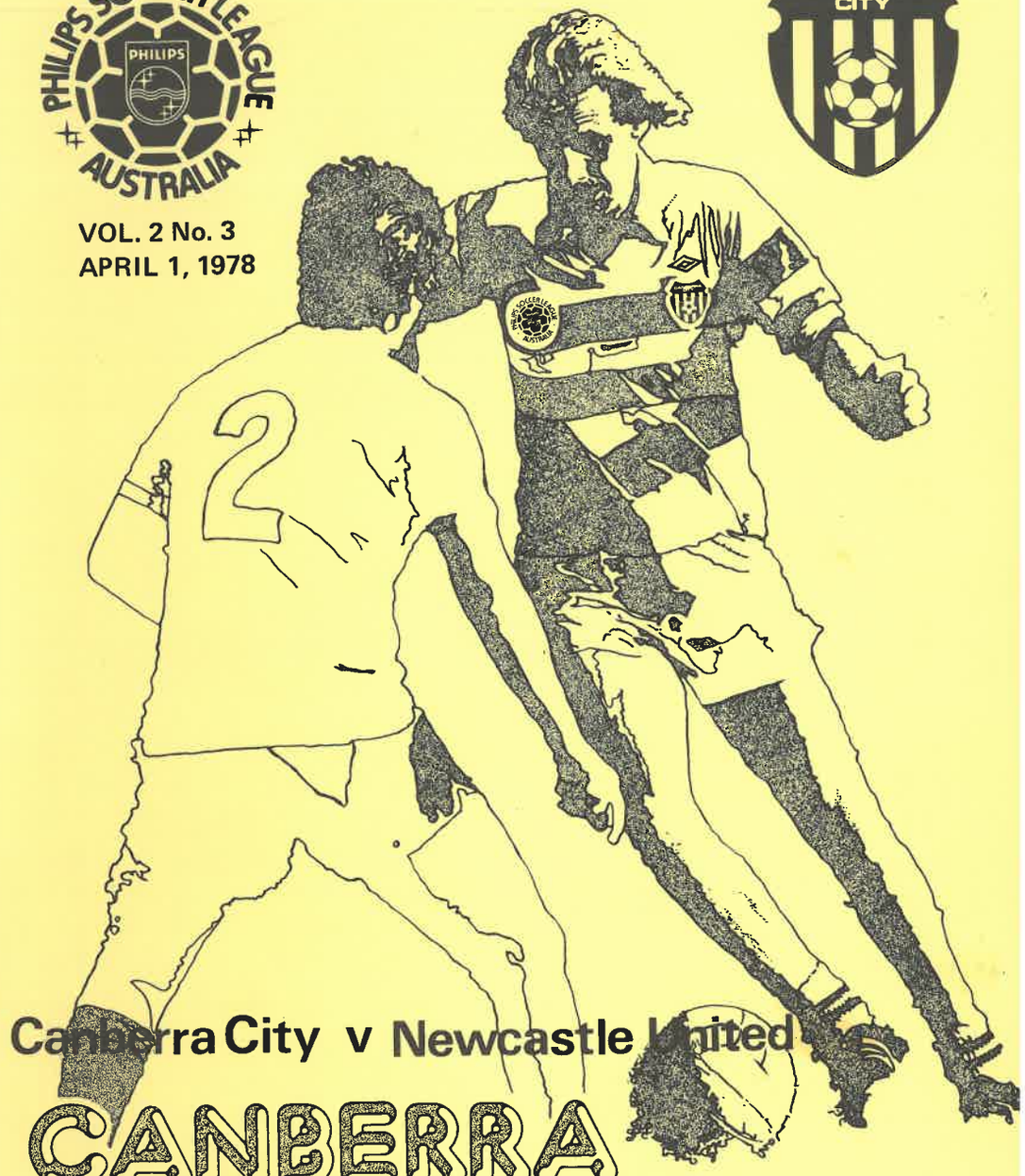

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PROMOTION REPORT

On Saturday 11th March we joined in the Canberra Week Festivities by entering a float in the Canberra Day Parade. Our section was led by John Warren's courtesy car from Brian Pollock. Followed by the float which contained a bevy of T-Shirt clad beauties and players in team outfits. Walking beside the float a squad of juniors handed out information sheets on Canberra City and complimentary tickets for the following days game, against Adelaide City.

Dick Desmond, the cheer leader for the day led the group with our CANBERRA . . . CANBERRA . . . chant, which was taken up by most of the crowd along the route, giving the parade an almost "Home match" type atmosphere.

I would like to thank all those who gave their time to decorate the float and help with the organisation of the days activities.

We welcome two new members to the promotion committee, Dean Banks from Radio 2CC, and Norman Knowles, according to Dean, Soccer Canberra City style is almost as exciting as his first love, CRICKET . . . HOWZAT!

STEVE DOSZPOT
Promotions Director
Canberra City Soccer Club

NEXT GAME

Next week Canberra City play Brisbane Lions in Brisbane and will play Fitzroy United here in Canberra on the 15th of April.

1978 FIXTURE LIST

Round 5 (1-2 April)

West Adelaide	v	Brisbane Lions
Western Suburbs	v	Footscray
South Melbourne	v	Fitzroy United
Brisbane City	v	East. Sub. Hakoah
Marconi	v	Adelaide City
Canberra City	v	Newcastle United
Sydney Olympic	v	St George

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Round 6 (8-9 April)

Footscray	v	South Melbourne
East. Sub. Hakoah	v	Marconi
Fitzroy United	v	West Adelaide
Western Suburbs	v	Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions	v	Canberra City
St. George	v	Newcastle United
Adelaide City	v	Sydney Olympic

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Round 7 (15-16 April)

Newcastle United	v	Sydney Olympic
Marconi	v	Western Suburbs
West Adelaide	v	Footscray
Canberra City	v	Fitzroy United
East. Sub. Hakoah	v	Adelaide City
Brisbane Lions	v	St. George
South Melbourne	v	Brisbane City

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Round 8 (23-23 April)

Adelaide City	v	Newcastle United
Western Suburbs	v	East. Sub. Hakoah
St. George	v	Fitzroy United
Sydney Olympic	v	Brisbane Lions
Canberra City	v	Footscray
Brisbane City	v	West Adelaide
South Melbourne	v	Marconi

POINTS SCORE TABLE

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	4	4	–	–	12	2	8
Sth Melbourne	4	2	2	–	7	2	6
West. Suburbs	4	2	2	–	7	3	6
East-Hakoah	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
Brisbane City	4	2	–	2	7	5	4
St George	4	2	–	2	6	5	4
Canberra City	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Brisbane Lions	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
Olympic	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
Adelaide City	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
West Adelaide	4	1	1	2	3	6	3
Footscray	4	1	1	2	2	6	3
Fitzroy	4	1	–	3	2	9	2
Newcastle	4	–	1	3	2	9	1

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IN THE CROWD

By former "Soccer Action" writer Paul Mills

"Into the valley of death rode the six hundred"; so goes the line from the Charge of the Light Brigade. Well, the gallant 6,600 cheered City from the jaws of defeat on Sunday and we all went away proud of our team. What a revival!

Naturally, the goals from Terry and Ivan drew the biggest cheers, but close behind was Ron Tilsed's great last-minute save. Did you see his salute to the crowd at the end. That's "Tilly Power"!

What goes "flip-flop, flip-flop . . . GOAL"? Terry Byrne whose style was compared to that of Manchester United's Bryan Kidd by one fan. The same fan predicted big-money offers for Terry before the season is over. We will fight them on the beaches to keep him.

The main stand at Bruce has already been compared vocal-chord-wise with Liverpool's Kop and United's Stretford End. What we need is a nickname for the stand. One suggestion is "The Warren" but the two Adelaide sides already have found out we're no bunnies. How about some other suggestions. Drop them into the club in City Walk.

The smoke for the parachutists almost blocked the view for those of us at the northern end of the stand. Fortunately the wind cleared it quickly and we were able to see the sky boys land.

I can understand the hard work required to clean up the stand after the game. I had to wipe a couple of gallons of tomato sauce from my seat before the match started.

Everyone I speak to these days is impressed by the support given to the team during the match. Some fans have watched all sports in Canberra over the years but have never heard supporters so committed to the local side. There are plenty of reasons, but the main one in my opinion is that Canberra City truly belongs to this city. I am proud that soccer is the first sport to engender this spirit.

Sunday's referee came in for some stick from the crowd, and I am not surprised. I remain of the opinion that refereeing standards generally have not kept pace with the improved standard of soccer since the advent of the National League. Sunday's official should remember that the ideal of letting the game flow does not refer to the spilling of blood.

AWARDS

Thanks to the generosity of local business houses Canberra City players were able to compete for lucrative weekly and annual awards last year.

Additional sponsors have stepped forward this season to provide our players to do well for City.

Apart from an attractive annual award, City players are in line for two weekly player of the match awards.

These will be for our two best players, to be judged by a panel, including the opposing coach.

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ANOTHER GOOD PENALTY GOAL IVAN – CITY V OLYMPIC

SOME OF OUR SUPPORTERS IN SYDNEY

CANBERRA CITY SUPPORTERS

Canberra City, off to a stirring start this season, has had disruption through injury and illness and is still team-building as was to be expected. Two valuable points last weekend from Sydney Olympic and a good match against The Saints give City great heart and the usual wholehearted vocal support will back our boys today. So we welcome to the National Stadium at Bruce today, all our visitors from wherever they have travelled and also our host of supporters here in the National Capital. We know you will witness a stirring game of football and also enjoy the best of entertainment provided for you.

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WELCOME TO THE ATHLETES

Today, in a varied programme the gates of the National Stadium open for a junior soccer match fought out by two under-9 teams. The match will signify the beginning of the A.C.T. Junior Season and we wish the juniors and their hardworking officials happy and successful competitions.

Following the junior game, A.C.T. athletes will take to the tracks in a variety of running and jumping events. It will be an historic occasion: This is the first time in Australia (may be even first time anywhere else) that a senior amateur athletic series has been sponsored by and staged in conjunction with professional soccer. Canberra City is happy and proud to assist Australia's amateur athletes in staging this, their first winter programme in the National Stadium. We understand that the unique opportunities presented have been welcomed by many athletes interstate, and Canberra City's followers may soon be able to see Australian title and record holders compete in Canberra City curtain-raisers.

We trust that our sport-loving public will enjoy these unique double presentations and that our athletes will compete for better and better results in front of an ever growing crowd turning up early to watch their performances. We also hope that City supporters will enjoy the appearance of our Little Athletes in select events.

The competitions which have been approved by the Amateur Athletic Association and at which records set will be recognised are planned by City's athletic programme sub-committee consisting of Frank Kunz, representing Canberra City, Daryl Cross representing the AAA who acts as programme manager, and John Keen, representing the local Little Athletics organisation.

Major athletic curtain-raisers like today's programme are planned to precede our matches against Western Suburbs (20 May), Brisbane Lions (8 July) and South Melbourne (26 August). In between these a knock-out cup competition for senior athletes will be staged during the half-time breaks of the Canberra City matches. The Cup will be presented at the end of the year by the management of Canberra City.

The beginning of our junior soccer and Amateur Athletic programme today, together with the appearance of our Little Athletes, the Canberra City band and teams from the Canberra Marching Girls' Association and the Tuggeranong Girls' Marching Association, is in keeping with our plan to present a varied and interesting programme at each of our home matches, making Canberra City games real family entertainment and to promote worthwhile organisations in the Canberra area.

So spread the word around that Canberra City afternoons begin at 12 noon, and those who come early will get not only the best seats but also their full money's worth.

Welcome to the athletes — and may this additional competition bring them nearer to national and international honours.

And for the fans: there is yet more fun and games to come from your Staging Committee. Meanwhile, give a great welcome to Canberra's athletes!

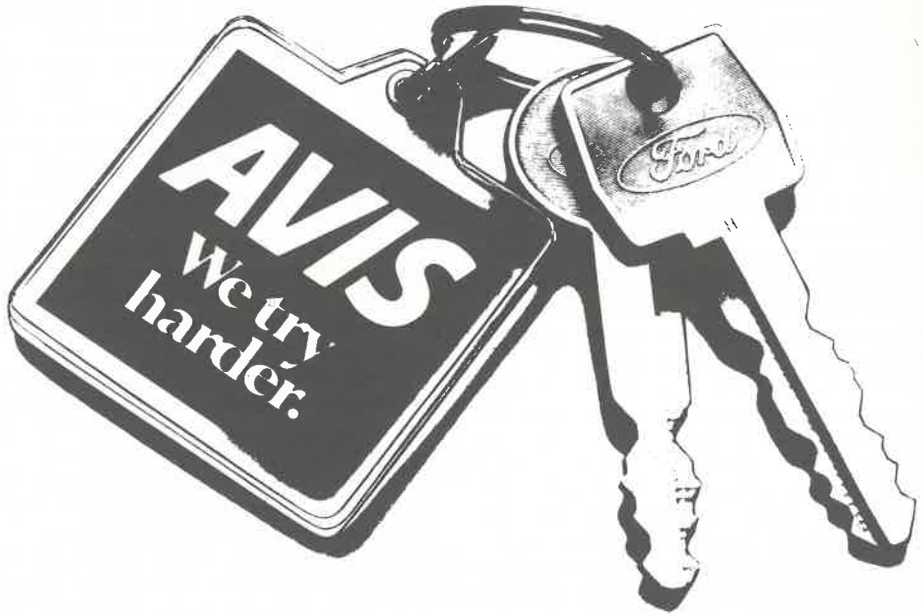
FRANK KUNZ
Convener — Staging Committee

THE CANBERRA CITY BAND

The Canberra City Band was established in 1947. Mainly as a result of the personal interest of the then Prime Minister, Ben Chifley, in the twenty-seven years since its formation it has given about 900 performances.

The band is a municiple along the American lines, and its essential running costs are met from municipal funds through the Department of the Capital Territory. Members are supplied with a uniform (a new one is due soon) and some instruments are provided, but the members playing contribution is voluntary.

The band's headquarters are at Hackett and bandmaster Keith Helgesen ph 82 3052 would like to hear about people interested in joining the band.



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Our Junior Club of the Week is

MARIST COLLEGE JUNIORS

The Marist College is one of the two Canberra schools taking part in the regular junior weekend competition.

The College is a Catholic Boys school comprising a Primary Section and a Secondary Section. The Primary Section starts taking boys from grade 4 upwards and the Secondary Section caters for high school students right up to form 6. This years total enrolment is in excess of 1300 boys. The Sportsmaster gave us the following information on the soccer teams of the College.

Sport is seen as an integral part of the life of the College and as such, a variety of winter and summer sports are offered for the benefit of the students. As Pope Paul VI said: "Sport, well understood and practised, contributes to the development of the whole person because it demands generous efforts, careful self control, mastery of self and respect of others, complete commitment and team spirit."

In keeping with the spirit of the College, Soccer was offered for the first time in 1977 when 8 teams ranging from U.9 to U.12 were registered with the A.C.T. Soccer Federation Junior League. Most of the students forming these teams were playing soccer for the first time and the majority of the teams finished the first year well down the ladder.

This year's soccer registrations are in excess of 160 students from both Primary and Secondary Sections of the College, and 14 teams ranging from U.9 to U.16 have been registered for the coming soccer season. On the field today acting as Guard of Honour and ball boys is the U.14 team led by their coach Allan McKendry. Most of the boys are playing soccer for the first time in their life but their coach believes that they are going to be a very competitive team.

To permit as many boys as possible to participate in sporting activities, the College charges only $2.00 per year registration fee with a maximum of $5.00 for family registrations. This does not cover even team registration and therefore the College relies very heavily on the support from business houses in order to continue giving these children the opportunity to participate in weekend sport.

Anybody wishing to help may send their contribution to the Sportsmaster, Marist College, Melrose Drive, Pearce, A.C.T. For further information contact Paul Mangion on 884010.

CANBERRA CITY/T.A.A.

T.A.A. has scheduled a special flight to enable all the visitors to spend time in our club after the match prior to returning to Newcastle.

Today's game will be in the same vein as every other match these days — keen, fair and tough. The coaches Alan Vest and John Warren have great depth of experience and face the job of "catching up" the clubs of long standing with many players new to each other.

Newcastle will be desperately anxious to get off the bottom rung of the ladder but while we wish them the best of luck in this objective, we would hope to delay this for another week as Canberra is also in need of two points!

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Today's Programme

12.10 Downer Olympics v Belconnen South under nines.

1.00 Athletic programme conducted by the A.C.T. Branch of the A.A.A. and the A.C.T. Little Athletics.

2.45 CANBERRA CITY versus NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED

During the breaks the Canberra City Band with Canberra and Tuggeranong Girls Marching Associations.

Welcome

The year 1880 saw the first organised soccer matches in this country and it was in Newcastle N.S.W. that this competition was begun.

In fact the Australian Soccer Federation with people from the Northern N.S.W. Federation has already begun planning for the centenary of soccer celebrations to be held in two years time.

So the background of our visitors today, Newcastle K.B. United, stretches that far into the past. Some of the most illustrious players in Australian soccer have come from Newcastle and the district including the Northern coal fields has been a continuous stronghold of our game.

The Northern N.S.W. Federation has an area of control stretching from Gosford on the Central Coast to the North Coast, back to the Northern Tablelands and the Hunter River Valley. Representative teams from the area have been in Canberra many times and have always created a fine impression.

Teams from Northern N.S.W. always fare well in National Youth championships and therefore the depth of talent is extensive.

Like Canberra City, Newcastle K.B. United is a completely new club, created solely for the purpose of maintaining a team in the national competition — the Philips Soccer League of Australia.

The wisdom of this method of entry into the League has received the early approval of the Australian public and the immense local support by way of crowds is evidence of this. In fact, this could well be the pattern for the league in the future. The Americans have successfully used a franchise system which calls for "city" support. So it is then that Canberra welcomes the players, officials and supporters from Newcastle today.

JUNIOR SOCCER

Downer Olympics — Belconnen South
U.9s
Under 9s play twice 20 minutes

ATHLETICS PROGRAMME

1.00 Mens 400m
Mens High Jump
Womens Long Jump
1.05 Womens 400m
1.10 Mens 100m
1.15 Womens 100m
1.20 Little Athletics 100m
U.9-10 girls; U.11-12 girls;
U.9-10 boys; U.11-12 boys.
1.30 Mens Triple Jump
1.40 Mens 800m
1.45 Womens 800m
1.50 Little Athletics 800m
U.9-10 girls; U.11-12 girls;
U.9-10 boys; U.11-12 boys.
2.05 Mens 200m
2.10 Womens 200m

Team Squads

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HISTORY OF A.C.T. ATHLETICS

Athletics in the A.C.T. has been conducted in its present form since 1955. In the twenty three years since then the number of clubs and athletes has risen gradually to the present number of eight senior clubs, including Australian National University and Royal Military College, catering for about five hundred athletes and officials.

At the present time A.C.T. Athletics is governed by the New South Wales Amateur Athletics Association and the New South Wales Womens Amateur Athletics Association but an application for Statehood has been made to the Australian Amateur Athletic Union and this should be decided upon later this year.

The standard of competition in events run in Canberra have improved dramatically over the past few months, no doubt due directly to the acquisition of the new Stadium at Bruce.

Each year athletes from the A.C.T. have gained selection in New South Wales teams and only recently two athletes were placed in Australian championships in Brisbane.

These athletes will be seen in action at some of the competitions being organised during Canberra City's home matches this winter.

In addition to the ANU and RMCA the other clubs in Canberra are North Canberra, Woden Valley, Weston Creek, Striders and Canberra City Harriers.

The Secretary of the A.C.T. Athletics Branch is Mrs Joan Cross and she can be contacted on 350127 (H) 732311 (W).

LITTLE ATHLETICS

Interspersed with senior athletic events some of the Little Athletes of Canberra will compete in front of Canberra City spectators. John Keen, who represents Little Athletics on the Programme Committee set up by Canberra City to plan athletic events gave the following background notes on the Little Athletes organisation:

Little Athletics evolved, like many voluntary community organisations, through one man. On an October day in 1963 three boys arrived to compete in an athletics meeting in Geelong but were told by an official that they were too young to take part. The official was Trevor Billingham and the boys' disappointment left a marked impression on his mind. Several months later, at a coaching clinic designed for secondary-school students, he saw that the majority of children were of primary-school age. Reminded of his earlier experience, he thought that the answer could be a simple Saturday morning competition, so on the first Saturday of October 1964 he met with a small group of children on a Geelong oval. They took part in a short programme of running events. From that beginning, athletics for boys and girls under twelve developed at a phenomenal rate.

Little Athletics has now spread to all Australian States, to Papua New Guinea, some Pacific islands and New Zealand. There are over 100,000 competitors spread throughout Australia.

Little Athletics is more than a sport. It is a community orientated organisation which enables mum, dad, brother and sister to do something together. A considerable amount of parent involvement is required. The average centre uses more than 40 parents as officials, timekeepers and judges, while other parents supervise the club groups. It is estimated that more than 12,000 parents from around Australia participate with their children each week.

Currently in the local Monaro Zone there are some 2200 Little Athletes spread throughout the 6 Centres of Queanbeyan, Belconnen, Ginninderra, Woden, Weston Creek and Corroboree.

Zone Championships are held each year and over 1000 boys and girls qualify to compete in the NSW Country and State Championships. This year's 158 Monaro representatives won 20 Country Titles and gained 41 other major placings, in doing so they established 10 Country Championship records and 2 State Records.

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Mrs Campbell of Kaleen

FOOTBALL LEAGUE NOTES

How many teams does your Club have? Yes, we do have one team in the Philips Soccer League, but where does the balance of the P.S.L. squad play, and who with? They play in the THREE teams we have playing in the A.C.T. Soccer Federation's Football League First Division Competition. Some six weeks ago we were told that we had no hope of finding sufficient players of suitable standard to field three teams. We now do have them, and are looking forward to the start of the season. The First Grade Team starts tomorrow with the First Round of the Federation Cup, playing the College of Advanced Education at Hawker at 3pm. The League competition commences for all three grades on Sunday April the 9th when we play Canberra United at O'Connor Oval; Third Grade at 11am; Second Grade at 1pm; and First Grade at 3pm. Coach Victor Fernadez is putting a great deal of time and expertise into the preparation of the 'Boys' (the average age of the players is sixteen years and nine months) and indications are that this year, as he did last year, he will have players who are capable of taking their place in the Philips League.

The Committee formed to look after these teams is functioning well and looking forward to a season of success. We would suggest that if you would like to see City every weekend, and see the stars of the future, you can do so by coming to see our Football League teams, who play every Sunday, as well as enjoying the P.S.L. games at Bruce. The facilities may not be the same, the crowds will certainly not be as large, but City's players will certainly be trying just as hard. Our fixtures for April are as follows:

April 2nd v College of Advanced Education at Hawker Oval 3pm (Federation Cup).
April 9th v Canberra United, O'Connor Oval at 11am, 1pm, 3pm.
April 16th v Downer Olympic, Deakin Oval at 11am, 1pm (Firsts), 3pm (Seconds).
April 23rd v Canberra North, O'Connor Oval, 11am, 1pm, 3pm.
April 30th v Croatia Deakin, Deakin Oval, 1pm, 3pm (Third Grade bye).

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, Third Grade at 11am, Second Grade at 1pm, First Grade at 3pm.

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The Canberra Marching Girls Association was formed with the midget team Duntroon Guards some ten years ago. As the girls grew up new age groups were added. Today there is a midget team (8-12 years), the team a Canberra Legionaires, (12-15 years), and the Seniors the Canberra Guards.

All 3 teams took part in the State titles in Sydney and National Titles in Melbourne.

At the State titles the Guards were awarded a Gold Medal for the best costume and a Silver Medal for second best display of N.S.W.

At the National titles the Midget Team leader was awarded a Silver Medal for second best leader of N.S.W.

The teams are always open for new recruits and further information may be obtained from Mrs J. Frost, Chief Chaperone 487036, or Mrs A. Dodds, Chief Instructor 862491.

THE TUGGERANONG GIRLS MARCHING ASSOCIATION

This association was formed just over two years ago under the marching name of "Tuggeranong Kelties" with a junior team, winning various medals during their first season. The names have since changed to "Tuggeranong Starlings" (Midget team), "Tuggeranong Starlettes" (Junior team).

The Starlings were formed in May 1977, and competed in various contests, winning 3 silver and 4 bronze medals, and competed in the State titles in Sydney. This team was selected to compete in the National titles, but were unable to attend.

The Starlettes were uncompetitive for most of the season owing to shortage of girls until February when 4 gold medals were won at the last Canberra Contest.

Girls interested in joining will be made most welcome.

Further information may be received from Mrs Wall, Chaperone (Midgets) 813019 after 5.30pm — Miss Maureen Robertson, Instructor (Midgets) 883144 — Mrs Robson, Chaperone (Juniors) 816009.

WELL UP, TERRY

FROM THE SUPPORTERS CLUB

Trip to Sydney

It was a bus load of fans and numerous supporters who travelled by car that outcheered the "O-o-o-lympic" fans last Sunday at Erskineville Oval. To be heard above the 4000 strong Olympic supporters was indeed a spectacle of stereophonic sound. The effort was even more magnificent than the same trip last season.

John Warren's brother Jeff generously donated three air horns to the Supporters Club prior to kick-off and we all greatly appreciated this gesture by Jeff, (a Supporter Club member), as we are still awaiting delivery of refills for our existing supply of air horns.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the afternoon was the "cavalry change" sound from Colin McLaughlin's bugle as Canberra City swung into attack.

Many of the supporters enjoyed an overnight stay in Sydney to watch the St. George game last Monday. The comments ". . . Australian soccer could do with more fans like these" were appreciated in reference to the welcome for Canberra City fans.

Opposition to Canberra City's support mainly came from the St. George marching girls who entertained before the game and again at half-time. They improvised as a clear squad during the game wielding red and white streamers.

Marching girls and "majorettes" of Canberra thrown down the gauntlet to your St. George sisters!!

TODAY'S GAME

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Club Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Supporters Club on Tuesday 4th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Canberra City Club. The meeting will be to inform members of a future program of events.

Gentleman's Evening

All systems go on Friday 7th April at the Yarralumla Woolshed.

As we said last year it was a great night and you can have all you can eat and drink plus tons of entertainment for the reasonable price of $15.00 a head. So get your mates along and have a great night.

Newcastle Trip

In view of the crowds Newcastle has been getting the Supporters Club is looking at the possibility of running a bus to Newcastle for our away match on 1 July. Our thought is to arrange an overnight stay to combine the visit with a tour of the vineyards. Would anyone who might be interested in this trip please let one of the Committee know. The approximate cost would be about $25.00 plus accommodation.

JUNIOR SQUADS FOR TODAY'S EARLY MATCH (U.9s)

Downer Olympics

S. Brown, D. Bogart, R. Bollard, R. Bowen, A. De Salis, R. Blandon, M. Vigours, J. Nicholls, J. Read, R. Ciuffetelli, M. Hill, G. Bell, G. McCluskey, A. Muir. Coach: T. Bogart. Manager: J. Blandon.

Belconnen South

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CLUB NOTES

What a marvellous start to the season!

I'm sure the 6,000 plus people who attended both games were favourably impressed with the performance of our team and the wonderful venue of the National Stadium, Bruce.

Your House Committee was no less impressed with the number of people who returned to the Club to help the players celebrate their great draws against West Adelaide and Adelaide City. There was much excitement and Johnny Warren, in a short speech, paid tribute to the great supporters we have, saying that they are the best in Australia — and of course he's right!

We are looking forward to a great many of the people who are attending games becoming members of our new licensed Club. Our membership fees -- to refresh your memories -- are $20 for the first year and $10 for each subsequent year.

As equal membership for men and women is one of the main atttributes of our Club, we urge ladies to take advantage of this and on those days when you are in Civic to do your shopping, make it a place for you and your friends to have a quiet drink and/or a good cheap meal in a most congenial atmosphere.

Last Saturday week we held our regular fortnightly dance. As the charge per head is only $2.00 which included supper and draught beer is 40c per glass -- spirits 60c you can see that it would be a very reasonably priced evening out. We have a very good live band and we hope to see many of you at the club for this entertainment at our next Supper Dance at 179 City Walk Civic, above Woodstock.

Interest has been expressed by members in holding a Euchre evening each Monday night on the Club premises. Would anyone interested please ring the Secretary at the Club on 48 8917 and leave your name with her and we will inform you when the first Euchre evening will be held. The same applies to all those wishing to compete in an inter-club Darts competition.

We would remind you again that the Club is open each week day for lunch and dinner and for dinner on Saturday evenings. So we invite you to have lunch or dinner during the week or bring your wives, husbands, boyfriends or girl friends for dinner Saturday night and stay on for the dance.

We hope to see you all in the Club very soon. Join all the happy people at Canberra City Soccer Club.

NEXT ISSUE

All copy for the next issue must be in the Editor's hand by Monday evening the 10th April. Copy may be left with Coleen Gray at the Club or with the Editor. Contributors are requested to type all copy 80 spaces wide with double spaced lines.

Your assistance in this matter will be much appreciated.

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Corison Comments

Bruce Stadium — the Promoter's Dream

Who would have believed it? Nearly 13,000 spectators watched Canberra City's first two home games, and they all got value for money. The Philips' League has determined that 1978 is the year for match and game promotion, while 1979 will be the year of the dogfight to avoid relegation. Canberra City Club must now make every game a winner in promotional terms for two very good reasons. First, Bruce Stadium is a natural for promotion, and if paying spectators will not go to Bruce, then the same people would not go anywhere. The Stadium has proved to be an ideal venue for football. Some would argue that they are too far away from the "action", but regardless of where you view the game at Bruce you are assured of comfortable seating, good atmosphere, and a feeling of belonging.

Secondly, a guaranteed home audience of up to 10,000 spectators will give Canberra City the finance, the appeal, the strong support to ensure survival in this tough League in 1979. Getting people to Bruce for home games in 1978 is one of the most important challenges facing the City management. Warren will do his best with the playing material he has; other Club officials now have to carry on and extend from the marvellous beginning to this season.

Some suggestions. Why not, as a promotional attraction only, engage the next drawn home game in a shoot-out American style. The effect could be startling. The result of the shoot-out would have no bearing on the official result, but it might do a lot for promotion.

Why not, in any non-competitive early fixture, experiment with the off-side rule and the throw-in rule? Adrian Alston was caught off-side often in his first few games with City last season since he was used to the 35yd off-side rule instead of the half-way line rule. The throw-in rule could be replaced by a kick-in rule from the tough lines.

This means a considerable increase in actual ball playing time; less chance for the referee to order a re-throw because a player has pinched five yards; more corner-type crosses from kick-ins in the attacking half; less inclination by defensive players to belt the ball into touch, if an indirect free-kick is the result.

Why not experiment with short corners as in hockey? Any defensive player who forces a corner within his own penalty area may still find himself under tremendous pressure from a short corner type situation.

Whatever happens, though, Canberra City must continue to aim high for promotion and presentation. Let us have more sky-diving, bands, marching girls, athletics, gymnastics, junior parades, singing, scoreboard messages. They are all greatly enjoyable, and matched with quality football may very well see Canberra City pull 20,000 spectators.

Magnificent start. Keep it up.

TOP COACHING AWARD

Canberra City's Assistant Coach, Vic Fernandez, has gained Australia's top coaching award — the Australian Soccer Coaches Association Senior Coaching Badge.

The course, over a three week period, was run in Canberra recently by national coach, Jimmy Shoulder. It is an intensive course with instruction taking place each night and each weekend during the three-week period.

Fourteen coaches attended the Canberra course. It is understood several passed.

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